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Explosion in drop-offs at animal shelter

The city's Animal Care and Control Team shelter saw a population explosion this week on top of the usual spike in feline drop-offs during the spring and summer months, dubbed "kitten season" by staffers.

"Starting Saturday, we've been getting 90 or more cats a day," ACCT's Lifesaving Manager Natalie Smith said Thursday. "Yesterday we had 115." She said that though dog intake is generally steady, their numbers also skyrocketed this week, with 30 to 40 handed over each day.

"Philadelphia's size and socioeconomic situation exacerbates the population problem because a lot of people can't spay or neuter their pets," Smith said. But even that doesn't explain the recent boom.

"It was so weird," she said. "Out of nowhere, 'bang!' I don't know if people were concerned because of the heat ... but this week has been crazy."

The shelter is dealing with the salvo using a two-pronged approach, partnering with several pet stores, hundreds of rescue centers and foster parents and offering affordable adoptions — right now, microchipped, vaccinated and spayed or neutered adult cats can be had for $1. METRO/AW

Mayors gather in Philly, 'done asking for help'

Lively debate among leaders across US includes new findings of slight, steady economic growth Infrastructure? That's another story

A new report from the U.S. Conference of Mayors says that the country has seen slight but steady economic growth since 2009, but that infrastructure spending continues to lag behind other countries.

The group, now led by Mayor Michael Nutter, released the report Thursday during its summer leadership meeting being held this week in Center City. Metropolitan areas account for nearly 91 percent of the country's gross domestic product and almost 84 percent of the population.

The report indicates that unemployment is expected to fall to 8 percent by the end of the year, and that household budgets are being helped by a decline in gas prices. But the report also points out that the U.S. ranks 24th in the quality of overall infrastructure spending, behind nations like Switzerland, France, Japan and South Korea.

Mayors on both sides of the aisle said they are frustrated with years of inaction by Congress on spending for roads, bridges and public transportation, which they say will translate to jobs and reduced traffic congestion.

"We're done asking the federal government for help," exclaimed Frank Ortis, mayor of Pembroke Pines, Fla. "We're going to go to [Capitol] Hill and say, 'We want action, we want to be able to put our people to work.'"

The nonpartisan group also called on both presidential candidates to review the report, which was prepared by IHS Global Insight, and lay out their plans to invest in cities.

"We need a response from the two candidates running for president as to what will your plans, what will your policies be to increase investment in cities and metro areas all across America," Nutter said. "That should be a part of a platform. That should be a part of this campaign."

▶ Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake of Baltimore

"What you're seeing here is Republicans and Democrats coming together to recognize this is the center, this is the heartbeat of America, and there is no real reason for partisanship when it comes to local issues."
ROBERT REICHERT, MAYOR OF MACON, GA.

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▶ Nutter and other mayors stressed infrastructure spending.

▶ Surveillance footage helped in the arrest.

Suspect in abduction arrested

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. Police on Thursday arrested the man who was allegedly caught on camera attempting to abduct a 10-year-old girl at Porter and Lee streets in Whitman Tuesday afternoon.

Police credited the arrest of Carlos Figueroa-Fagot, 33, to the widespread attention garnered by the chilling surveillance footage released Wednesday.

"This disturbing video moved the community to action," police said."Community outcry pressured Figueroa-Fagot to turn himself in." METRO

Concerns for PA pensions

PENNSYLVANIA. Credit rating agencies are warning state government officials about the high cost of its pension system, with Standard & Poor's Ratings Services saying Thursday that it could downgrade the state in the next two years if no fix happens.

S&P changed its outlook on the state's debt to 'negative' from 'stable,' saying it was concerned in part about mounting spending pressure for public pensions amid a slow-growth economy. REUTERS

Mayors ask Romney for his tax returns

Twenty mayors signed and released a letter Thursday to Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney urging him to disclose more information and release his federal income tax returns.

"Remember when you auditioned to be John McCain's vice presidential pick? You gladly handed over twenty-three years of tax returns," the letter reads. "Now, as you audition for the American people, you think only one full year is good enough. It isn't."

Even prominent Republicans have joined in on the debate recently, amid speculation that Romney has paid a lower tax rate than most Americans and has assets in offshore accounts. METRO/SDL

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In the news

Papers' move now official

Interstate General Media, the parent company of the Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com, unveiled its new Market East headquarters on Thursday. The publications completed their move to 801 Market Street from the iconic tower at 400 N. Broad St., which was sold to developer Bart Blatstein. The company donated equipment from the old office to several non-profit organizations. METRO

In the news

Electric deal

The all-electric Nissan Leaf was on display Thursday outside the Center City offices of electric vehicle charging station company U-GO Stations, Inc. PECO is giving each customer who buys one of the vehicles, which cost $3 in electricity to drive a range of 100 miles in three hours, $100 to go toward powering up the car. METRO

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Cops: Hacker mom changed her children's grades

LEHIGH COUNTY. A former school district employee was charged Wednesday with hacking into the district's computer system to change her children's grades, the Allentown Morning Call reported.

Catherine Venusto, 45, a former secretary with the district, was charged with unlawful use of a computer and computer trespassing. She was arraigned and released on $30,000 unsecured bail.

Venusto allegedly admitted to making the switch as detectives questioned her last Thursday. Court records obtained by the paper show that Venusto's daughter went from a failing grade to a medical leave status and her son's grades rose from 98 to 99 percent.

Investigators reportedly said Venusto used the superintendent's login and password to access the district's human resources system, and broke into the district's email system by using both the superintendent's information and nine others'. In total, she allegedly broke into the grading system 110 times.

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99 Grade that the hacker mom allegedly changed her son's grade to, from his earned grade of 98

Abortion issue cancels Montco hospital merger

MONTGOMERY COUNTY. Abington Memorial Hospital has called off plans to merge with the Catholic Holy Redeemer Health System in the face of a strong backlash over a stipulation requiring the former facility to stop offering abortions due to the religious beliefs of the latter.

"Abington Health and Holy Redeemer Health System have decided to end discussions regarding a potential partnership to create a larger health system," read a statement posted on Abington Memorial's website yesterday. "Together we had a bold vision that we believe would have served our community well. While we are disappointed, we believe this decision is in the best interest of both organizations. Abington Health and Holy Redeemer Health System will continue to seek opportunities to enhance the health of the communities we serve." METRO/AW

When beers cost pennies

Archaeological excavation at Penn's Landing may unearth tavern that pre-dates William Penn

Dig continues into next week at 17th-century shipyard

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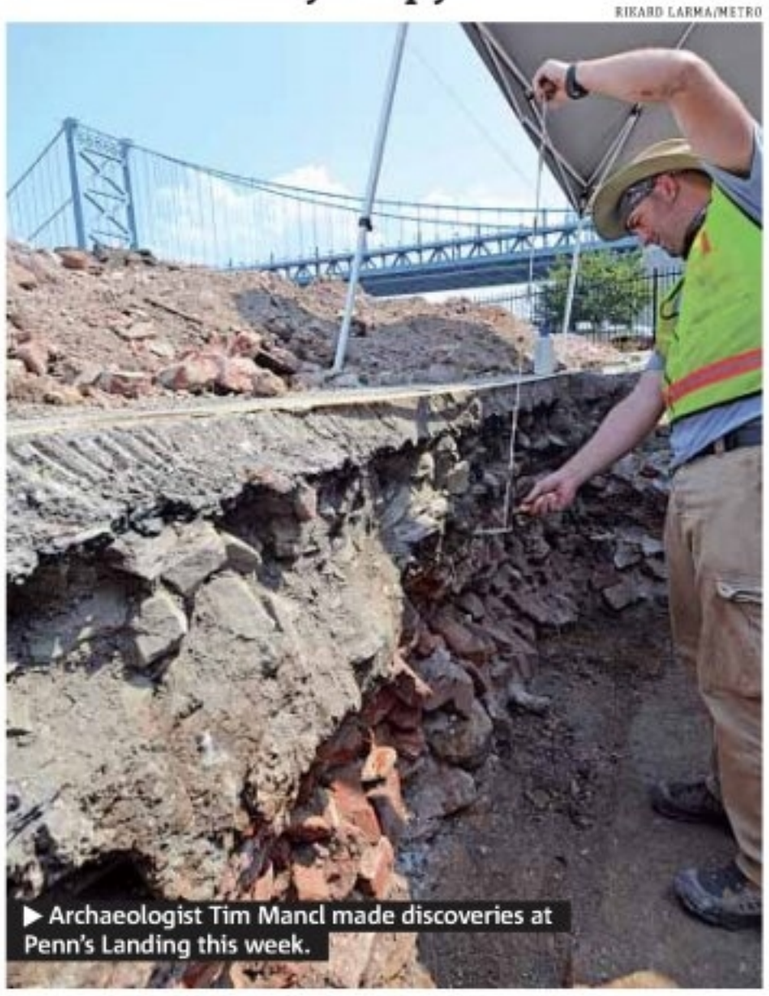

▶ Archaeologist Tim Mancl made discoveries at Penn's Landing this week.

Six years before the arrival of William Penn, when Delaware Avenue was still the Delaware River — the waterway had yet to be man-manipulated to push Philadelphia's shoreline further out — James West owned a shipyard near Water and Callowhill streets.

An archaeological excavation of the site in the 1980s found four slipways and a retaining wall demarcating what was once the river's edge, in addition to concluding more could be learned about 17th century living by further study of the area.

So this week, researchers began digging a little deeper into the city's past by opening four trenches at the site, which Hertz Rent-a-Car owned from the 1960s until the Delaware River Waterfront Corporation took ownership about two decades later.

In one of the trenches Wednesday, they found a building foundation, possibly one that West's family built on the site after the shipyard. "We might be inside a 19th century warehouse," said Wade Catts, Associate Director of Cultural Resources for John Milner and Associates. "We'll have to go back to the historical background and pin down exactly what it is."

They began Thursday to hand-excavate the trench floor, square by square, to see if older artifacts lie beneath. "If there's more, we get excited," Catts said. In that case, they may bring in specialized machines to unearth the relics.

The area was also home to West's Penny Pot House and Landing, a rowdy tavern that catered to boozing sailors and shipbuilders. "As I understand, the name comes from the fact that you could buy beer for a penny a pot," archaeologist Tim Mancl said.

"There's some debate about where the Penny Pot House was — this corner or the next block over," Catts said. "If we find evidence, the tavern could be in this area."

He added that the researchers are mainly looking for evidence of industrial activity.

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Hot for science

With the heat index smashing through the 100s this week, the sweat-drenched archaeologists had to restrict their hours.

"You need to make sure to take a lot of breaks, drink fluids and when you feel woozy, you need to sit down," Mancl said. "The heat is making things a little slow."

"It didn't slow down the visitors, though," Catts contended.

So much so that the DRWC is looking at adding more public tours next week. "We've had all ages — small children, junior high students, seniors, neighbors. It was a nice group for such a hot day. They're interested in the excavation," Catts said. "With archaeology, you may have a sense of what you're going to find, but you never know exactly what you're going to find."

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But as the Nature Conservancy reminds us, no matter how fast, strong or agile Team USA athletes prove to be, they are still pretty much no match at all for wild animals.

In an effort to bring awareness to planet protection, the Nature Conservancy put Olympic athletes head to head with the abilities of wild beasts. And in each instance, nature wins.

Take a look at these real-life man vs. wild comparisons:

1. Michael Phelps may have superhuman speed in the pool, but he is still no match for one of nature's best swimmers. The bluefin tuna, found off the coast of Long Island, can reach speeds of up to 60 miles per hour. Phelps taps out at a measly 6 miles per hour in the water.

2. Even the fastest man in the world can't compete with the fastest land animal in the world. The cheetah can run 71 miles per hour for more than 300 yards. **Usain Bolt** clocks in at 28 miles per hour over 110 yards. Impressive, but no match for nature.

3. Tennis star **Roger Federer** is plenty quick on his feet, bolting back and forth across the court to lunge at every serve. But the white-handed gibbon is far more agile, with its ability to fling itself up to 50 feet between branches.

4. Nobody can argue that **Kerri Walsh's** 47-inch vertical on the sand volleyball court isn't astounding — except the mountain lion. The wildcat has Walsh beat in the jump department with an unmatched 15-foot vertical.

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▶ 2013 Ford Escape

Ford tells drivers to stop driving SUV

DETROIT. Ford Motor Co. told owners of the best-selling SUV in the United States on Thursday to stop driving 2013 model Ford Escape with 1.6-liter engines immediately due to the risk of an engine fire.

Ford recalled about 11,500 new 2013 model Ford Escape SUVs with 1.6-liter engines, of which about 4,800 were sold to customers in the U.S. and Canadian markets, the company said. Most of the rest are on dealer lots.

Only Ford Escape with 1.6-liter engines sold in the U.S. and Canadian markets are affected by the recall and fire risk, Ford said.

It is extremely rare for an automaker to warn drivers to stop driving their vehicles immediately. **REUTERS**

New data says economy has cooled quickly

WASHINGTON. The slowdown in the U.S. economy persisted early in the third quarter with factory activity in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region contracting in July for a third straight month and new claims for jobless aid surging last week.

Home resales slumped to their lowest level in eight months in June and a gauge of future economic activity slipped last month, more evidence the economy has slowed significantly.

The economy has been hit by fears of deep government spending cuts and higher taxes next year. **REUTERS**

Bulgaria bus suicide bomber 'was at Guantanamo': Claim

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▶ The tourists had arrived in Bulgaria on a charter flight from Israel and were on the bus in the airport car park when the blast tore through the vehicle.

A suicide bomber who killed six other people, including five Israelis, by blowing up a bus in Bulgaria, had been held at Guantanamo Bay before being released without charge, media reports said Thursday.

Reports from the RT TV channel on Wednesday claimed the bomber was an Algerian-Swedish Islamist, Mehdi Ghezali, 33, who was held at Guantanamo Bay after being arrested in Pakistan. But the reports alleged Swedish government refused to charge him with anything when he was returned to that country.

There was no independent confirmation of the claims and Swedish security services strongly denied the allegation.

The bomber had been circling around a group of buses, which were about to take Israeli tourists to a resort near Burgas, for about an hour before the explosion.

"He looked like anyone else — a normal person with Bermuda shorts and a backpack."
TSVETAN TSVETANOV

"We have established there was a person who was a suicide bomber in this attack. This person had a fake driving licence from the United States, from the state of Michigan," Bulgarian interior minister Tsvetan Tsvetanov said.

Special forces had managed to obtain DNA samples from the fingers of the bomber and were now checking databases in an attempt to identify him, Tsvetanov said.

Seven people were killed in the attack, including the Bulgarian bus driver and the bomber. Israel said it held Iran responsible. **METRO**

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Christian Bale needs a moment to himself

While saying goodbye to the character he's inhabited for Christopher Nolan's three 'Batman' films, the British actor may be a tad sentimental, but he definitely won't be missing that suit ◗ Claustrophobia in rubber

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▶ Don't come between a man and his suit. They've spent about 21 months together.

Christian Bale has played Batman three times now for Christopher Nolan, creating a role that redefined both the legendary character and the British actor. The last time he put on the bat-suit was a lot like the first time — and in each instance he needed a bit of alone time. "The first time I ever put on the actual one myself I thought, 'Oh, Chris has to [re-do] the cast.' Because the claustrophobia was just unbelievable," Bale remembers. "I stood there and I thought, 'I can't breathe, I can't think, this is too tight, this is squeezing my head, I'm gonna panic, I'm about to have a nervous breakdown, a panic attack, right this second.' So I said, 'Can everyone just leave me alone for 20 minutes?'"

"There's such long schedules on these movies. I don't like to think about time, otherwise I get depressed. So I just sort of do it as though it's like one day at a time for me." CHRISTIAN BALE

The break did the trick, as Bale estimates he's spent 21 months of his life under Batman's cowl — with improvements over the years, like giving Bale the ability to take it off whenever he needed. When the final day of shooting in the suit arrived — a scene that paired Bale with Anne Hathaway's Catwoman on a New York City rooftop — Bale found himself feeling a need for privacy, though for a new reason.

"I was wrapped, and I just went down and sat in a room and I realized, 'This is it. I'm not gonna be taking this cowl off again,'" Bale says. "So again, I said, 'Can you please leave me alone for 20 minutes?' and sat with that moment. It was a very important moment for me. It's been a very important character, and the movies themselves have changed my life and changed my career. I wanted to just appreciate that."

Speaking of time, Bale couldn't really tell you how long anything took to film in the massive superhero flick, because he intentionally wasn't paying attention — in order to save his sanity. "You know, there's such long schedules on these movies. I don't like to think about time, otherwise I get depressed," he says. "So I just sort of do it as though it's like one day at a time for me. Because if you go, 'Oh, only 124 days left,' it gets tricky to get up at 4 in the morning."

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Feline fit

When Anne Hathaway signed on to play Catwoman for Christopher Nolan, she quickly found out that the bar for physical preparation had already been set pretty high by her new co-star, Joseph Gordon-Levitt. "When I got the part, Chris had called me into his office and said, 'OK, so, there's going to be a lot of fighting, and when we did 'Inception,' Joe got in really good shape. Joe went to the gym for months so when he did his fight sequence he did all of his own fighting. I really liked that," Hathaway remembers. "And I went, 'Gotcha, I'm reading between the lines here.' And I just went to the gym and came out when we wrapped." METRO/NE

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By the numbers

BATMAN VS. THE AVENGERS

For three years, "The Dark Knight" held the title for biggest opening weekend box office, pulling in $158.4 million in 2008. But that record was snatched away last year by the final "Harry Potter" installment ($169.2 million) and completely obliterated in May by rival superhero franchise "The Avengers," which earned a staggering $207.4 million in its first weekend. So with Christopher Nolan's final Batman installment, "The Dark Knight Rises," coming to theaters, can the Bat reclaim the crown? The Hollywood Reporter predicts that it is on track to score much higher than the 2008 film, though whether it can beat "The Avengers" is a tougher call. "The Dark Knight Rises" should at least earn the title of biggest non-3-D opening ever.

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Perfect playlist for the Rodin

The newly renovated museum will premiere two compositions that benefit from an artistic atmosphere

▶ The Argento Chamber Ensemble is at the reopened Rodin this weekend.

If the ideal classical music audience is one that sits silent and still, the Argento Chamber Ensemble will have a few model listeners at their two upcoming concerts, albeit ones cast in bronze and marble. To celebrate the recent reopening of the Rodin Museum, Argento will premiere two new works by Tristan Murail and Philippe Hurel, pioneers in spectral music. The pieces, inspired by Rodin's work, will be performed in the museum's garden. "For Murail, a big aspect of the musical experience is the listening environment," says Argento conductor Michel Galante. "Not just having a situation where you are facing a stage and receiving a performance, but spreading sound sources around so the listener is immersed in it."

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Murail thus found an ideal setting for his latest work, as did Hurel, whose adoration of virtuosity certainly includes the great sculptor. Though both are champions of spectral music, Galante says that otherwise they couldn't be more different. "Murail is very refined, very poetic. Hurel is rhythmic and violent."

Spectral music is a modern technique more focused on the interaction of sounds than in more traditional compositional approaches. Galante describes it by harkening back to Beethoven, who wrote some of his greatest works while completely deaf. "Spectral music could never be written by a deaf composer, because it's all about responding to the sounds around you," Galante says.

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Sleigh Bells' 'Reign' continues

For their second album, the Brooklyn-based band decided to pay 'homage to classic rock' Singer Alexis Krauss on abandoning some of the tricks of 'Treats'

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▶ Sleigh Bells — from left, Miller, Krauss and touring guitarist Jason Boyer — are out to please a little, squeeze a little, tease a little more.

Sleigh Bells seemed to emerge fully formed, with a brutally unique sound of overblown guitars and vocals that alternated between pop-singer sweetness and cheerleader vengeance. The Brooklyn duo's 2009 debut, "Treats," landed on nearly every single year-end best-of list, including this publication's. For their follow-up, "Reign of Terror," released this spring, guitarist Derek Miller and singer Alexis Krauss decided to do away with some of the tricks of "Treats" in favor of more conventional sounds. But they put these sounds into a context that is anything but conventional.

"In a lot of ways, 'Reign of Terror' is an homage to classic rock and a lot of arena rock songs that are pretty formulaic and pretty universal in terms of structure and what they make you feel," says Krauss. "We were very shameless in referencing bands like Def Leppard or pop acts like Cyndi Lauper or the Go Go's."

Where Krauss was filling in prewritten vocal parts for the debut, the pair collaborated more for "Reign of Terror," and the result is something more melodic. There are even a few ballads on the album. Krauss says she knows that the combination of '80s metal and their own pop and punk instincts have definitely turned off a few listeners. But she has no regrets.

"We always say that we don't really have any guilty pleasures," she says. "If we listen to something and we like it, we're not embarrassed about referencing it. We're both real lovers of pop music, so I think being able to write a really simple but catchy hook is one of the hardest things to do as a songwriter. And we kind of like thinking that way: 'How can we write a song as good as "Pour Some Sugar on Me"?'"

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When Sleigh Bells' first single, "Crown on the Ground," made its initial rounds on the Web, listeners thought there was something wrong with their speakers or ear buds, because Derek Miller's guitar was so maxed out. Krauss said their decision not to employ this technique on "Reign of Terror" was a natural one.

"I think 'Reign of Terror' is much more melodic than 'Treats' was, more of a melancholy tone," she says. "At times the music is even more somber, and it just didn't seem appropriate to have songs where everything was pushed completely into the red. There's a lot more dynamic range on the [new] record. A lot of the way 'Treats' was produced was a result of necessity in the sense that it was recorded using cheaper gear. It was much more DIY, and a lot of times we would just turn it up."

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The feed ...

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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Trying to get funding for my passion project: a remake of Newsies w all 45 year olds.

@TheRealRoseanne
shall i eat a nyc hot dog? even tho veggietarian i crave one and a cig

@Joan_Rivers
Starbucks is opening a branch inside a funeral home. Coffee? Really? Aren't people jittery enough around dead bodies.

@ConanOBrien
I suspected the U.S. Olympics team uniforms were made in China when I noticed the pants didn't have a cup holder.

Rivers

THE WORD

Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Frankel's marriage quickly hit 'bottom'

After only two years, **Bethenny Frankel**'s marriage to **Jason Hoppy** was rumored to be all but over. But now, the reality star says they're back on track after a rough patch — well, probably. "I think we have what it takes to make it work," Frankel tells People. "I don't have a backup plan. It's not like shopping for shoes and getting a new pair. That's not what it's about."

Frankel doesn't, however, gloss over their problems. "We've been scared," she admits. "The second year of marriage was not easy. We hit bottom, [but] we came out the other side."

We're impressed that they're working things out — especially when you consider what rock bottom means to someone whose resume includes both "Real Housewives" and Skinnygirl Margaritas.

In lovelier news

We didn't mean to bum you out with crumbling reality TV marriages and Splenda-laced tequila. Let's check in with shiny happy couple **Ryan Reynolds** and **Blake Lively**, shall we?

Frankel values her marriage more than her shoes — we think.

Lively

"Blake and Ryan are so in love with each other," a source tells Radar Online. "They're really cute and sweet and they're always talking about how they want to be together forever."

Adorable. Give us more, source! "She loves his family, his mom loves her and they're totally normal and down-to-earth."

Depp single again

Johnny Depp's brief rebound with former co-star **Amber Heard** looks like it's over.

"Amber has never wanted that sort of attention," a source tells RadarOnline. "She prides herself on being free-thinking — not some home-wrecker trying to sleep her way to the top. As soon as the media started publicizing the romance, she told Johnny that she needed some space."

Now that right there is disarmingly respectable. Is this a sense of remorse we're feeling? Could it be shame? Interesting. Johnny Depp, come make the media feel better.

Brand has been busy

It seems the infamously strung-out **Russell Brand** has found some inner peace post-**Katy Perry**. "For the first time in my life I spend more time meditating and doing yoga than I do having sex," the comedian tells Piers Morgan in an interview. "That's only because I do a hell of a lot of yoga. And they're still neck and neck!"

We salute him — but can't figure out how he does either in those skinny jeans.

Brand

Talking points

Baby on the way for Guy Ritchie

It looks like **Guy Ritchie** and girlfriend **Jacqui Ainsley** are set to welcome another baby into their lives, as Ainsley showed off a visible baby bump when the couple stepped out on the red carpet at the London premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises," according to Us Weekly. Ritchie and Ainsley, who have been dating since 2010, welcomed a son, Rafael, in September 2011. Ritchie also has two sons — one biological and one adopted — with ex-wife **Madonna**.

From left, Niall Horan, Louis Tomlinson and Harry Styles are three of One Direction's too-young cuties.

Just friends over at One Direction

One Direction members **Harry Styles** and **Louis Tomlinson** are getting a bit tired of the rumors circulating that they're secretly romantically involved, according to MTV News. "This is a subject that was funny at first but now is actually hard to deal with, as I am in a relationship," says 20-year-old Tomlinson, who is dating model **Eleanor Calder**. "Me and Harry are best friends. People look into our every move — it is actually affecting the way me and Harry are in public." That includes the physically playful attitude the band has become known for during public appearances. "We want to joke around, but there seems to be a different rumor every time we do anything," he says. "I act the same with Harry as I do with any of the other boys."

This one sounds about right

Lindsay Lohan will in fact star opposite porn star **James Deen** in Bret Easton Ellis' sex-fueled thriller "The Canyons," the production company for the film confirms in a press release. The film, which highlights "the dangers of sexual obsession and ambition," has had a strong social media presence, including raising $150,000 on Kickstarter. "Using social media as a way to help build a film is really like riding the wave into the future," says Ellis.

This weekend, the Dr. is in

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Dr. Dog's Scott McMicken rocks Camden this weekend.

- Dr. Dog is just one of the Philly-bred bands at the XPoNential Fest
- Scott McMicken on why sometimes, you've got to go to Tennessee

XPN's XPoNential Fest takes over the Camden Waterfront this weekend with an army of more than 30 folk, pop and rock bands. Along with headliners Wilco, the Avett Brothers and Counting Crows, several local acts are playing, including the War On Drugs, Work Drugs and Good Old War. (Investigating why so many high-profile local bands have the words "war" and "drugs" in their names is beyond the scope of this article.)

Also representing Philadelphia is the folk-pop band Dr. Dog, which has come a long way since they formed in the early 2000s. "We started out playing these small parties and houses around the neighborhood," says frontman Scott McMicken, talking on the phone while driving back to West Philadelphia after a camping trip in Rhode Island. "They were sweaty basement shows where everyone was drunk on malt liquor, and everything was always really loud. Those shows were super fun."

Dr. Dog has since gone on to play bigger venues (they recently sold out the Electric Factory), but their music has maintained the same sense of intimacy and urgency. "Be The Void," the band's seventh album, showcases the warm vocal harmonies and catchy grooves they do best, but it sounds meatier and heavier than their last few albums.

There's also a few Philadelphia references. As he did on "Shadow People" from their last album, McMicken shouts out Baltimore Avenue on "How Long Must I Wait." About the song, which mentions "the war of Baltimore," he says, "that song's about a point in my life when I wasn't sure whether the thing I was waiting for was ever gonna come."

So, did he ever find what he was looking for? "Yes," he says, "but it was something different than what I thought it was going to be. And I didn't find it on Baltimore Avenue. I had to go to Tennessee."

If you go

XPN's XPoNential Fest runs through Sunday at Wiggens Park and the Susquehanna Bank Center in Camden. Catch Dr. Dog on Saturday at 7 p.m., and visit www.xpn.org for additional info.

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Once again, cable tops Emmy nods

Nominations for the 64th annual Emmy Awards, honoring the best in television, were announced Thursday, with cable TV dominating the field once again. Perennial awards favorite HBO picked up 81 nominations for series like "Boardwalk Empire," "Game of Thrones" and "Veep," as well as movies and miniseries like "Hemingway and Gellhorn," which earned 15 nods alone. Meanwhile, cable series "American Horror Story" (FX) and "Mad Men" (AMC), tied for the most nominations for a single program, earning 17 each. Further proving cable's force, this year's nominations mark the first time no drama airing on one of the major broadcast networks received recognition in the best series category.

The Emmys will be handed out Sept. 23 on ABC.

COMEDY SERIES
- "The Big Bang Theory" (CBS)
- "Curb Your Enthusiasm" (HBO)
- "Girls" (HBO)
- "Modern Family" (ABC)
- "30 Rock" (NBC)
- "Veep" (HBO)

COMEDY ACTOR
- Jim Parsons, "The Big Bang Theory"
- Larry David, "Curb Your Enthusiasm"
- Don Cheadle, "House of Lies"
- Louis C.K., "Louie"
- Alec Baldwin, "30 Rock"
- Jon Cryer, "Two and a Half Men"

COMEDY ACTRESS
- Lena Dunham, "Girls"
- Melissa McCarthy, "Mike & Molly"
- Zooey Deschanel, "New Girl"
- Edie Falco, "Nurse Jackie"
- Amy Poehler, "Parks and Recreation"

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▶ For the full list of nominees, visit www.metro.us/tv.

- Tina Fey, "30 Rock"
- Julia Louis-Dreyfus, "Veep"

DRAMA SERIES
- "Boardwalk Empire" (HBO)
- "Breaking Bad" (AMC)
- "Downton Abbey" (PBS)
- "Game of Thrones" (HBO)
- "Homeland" (Showtime)
- "Mad Men" (AMC)

DRAMA ACTRESS
- Glenn Close, "Damages"
- Michelle Dockery, "Downton Abbey"
- Julianna Margulies, "The Good Wife"
- Kathy Bates, "Harry's Law"
- Claire Danes, "Homeland"
- Elisabeth Moss, "Mad Men"

DRAMA ACTOR
- Steve Buscemi, "Boardwalk Empire"
- Bryan Cranston, "Breaking Bad"
- Michael C. Hall, "Dexter"
- Hugh Bonneville, "Downton Abbey"
- Damian Lewis, "Homeland"
- Jon Hamm, "Mad Men"

MINISERIES OR TV MOVIE
- "American Horror Story" (FX)
- "Game Change" (HBO)
- "Hatfields & McCoys" (History)
- "Hemingway & Gellhorn" (HBO)
- "Luther" (BBC America)
- "Sherlock: A Scandal In Belgravia" (PBS)

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Letters

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Back to the future with Bane villain

Rush Limbaugh said the batman villain named Bane is a prophetic liberal conspiracy to ruin Mitt Romney's presidential campaign. This Batman trilogy was started in 2005 while Bush was still in office, the character was created in 1993 and named Bane (as in someone's bane/enemy/adversary), while Mitt's company was named Bain Capital for founder Bill Bain. So it is obvious that DC comics and liberals used their future-looking machine in order to engineer this complex and time-twisting plot against Mitt Romney, as if Romney needed any help ruining his campaign. Or is Rush trying to announce that Bain Capital under Mitt Romney was the enemy and adversary of the American people? So is this A) a crazy, time-bending plot by liberals, B) a very subtle hint that the anti-middle class conservative 1-percenters want to destroy the country, or C) a cry for serious psychiatric help? I'd say B and C.

D. BROWN, VIA E-MAIL

Dems brought up Bane comparison

The whole Bain/Bane thing didn't start with Rush Limbaugh, it started when Democratic consultant and former Clinton spokesman Chris Lehane said, "It has been observed that movies can reflect the national mood. Whether it is spelled Bain and being put out by the Obama campaign, or Bane and being out of Hollywood, the narratives are similar: a highly intelligent villain with offshore interests and a past are both seeking to cover up who had a powerful father and is set on pillaging society." This theme was picked up on by the lefty blogs and is what Limbaugh was in a snit about. Will Metro devote any ink to explaining just how stupid the Dems are for creating the whole Bain/Bane comparison? Nah, didn't think so ...

RON SHELTON, VIA E-MAIL

Zimmerman made his own bad decision

George Zimmerman told Fox News that he only left his truck and followed Trayvon Martin because he wanted to keep an eye on Martin and tell the police where Trayvon was headed. Zimmerman left his vehicle and followed someone, against instruction from 911 dispatch. He had witnessed no crime. According to Zimmerman, he got close enough for Trayvon to beat him and attempt to grab his weapon. George Zimmerman may or may not be a racist, but by his own words and actions he is certainly a stalker and a murderer.

LARRY D. FOWLER, VIA E-MAIL

A lesson in the judicial system

In a letter, Sabrina Brooks claims that the allegation of sexual abuse against George Zimmerman is pertinent to judging his defense against the crime of murder.

The purpose of a criminal trial is to weigh the charge and the specifications which allege a crime. The writer seems to feel that the purpose of a criminal trial should be to judge the man, rather than the crime. I am reminded of freshman English, where I learned about the fallacy of judgment ad hominem.

DAVID AMES, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Strive to maintain strong, friendly relations with everyone — including the in-laws. Someone you know is likely to put you on track to something that could be materially beneficial.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Solutions to problems that have everyone else baffled will be very evident and clear to you. Don't hesitate to speak up when you believe you have the answers others are seeking.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Old friends are likely to be more fortunate for you than usual; so stick with them, especially those who share an interest with you in the world of finance or commerce.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** The most enjoyable time you're likely to have will be sharing your day with people whom you haven't seen for a while. A number of good things could come from such a reunion.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Your objectives will be more easily achieved if you keep your intentions to yourself — the fewer people who know about them, the better. This includes your close buddies.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Even if you're doubtful of the merits of your suggestions, associates who believe in them will take it upon themselves to try out your ideas and verify their value.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Unless you are confronted by a challenge, your tenacity and determination may never surface. If they do, however, even the blase will be impressed.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Don't hesitate to make a critical decision, because you already have the answer within you. All you have to do is allow what you've learned from experience to guide you.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** By all means, show a willingness to be helpful to those to whom you're obligated. Don't miss any opportunities to reciprocate and express your appreciation.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although it might inconvenience you to do so, you'll still come through and honor all of your commitments.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Even if you are the catalyst for some fun activities, you still might not feel gratified or fulfilled unless you first get involved in something constructive.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because your custodial instincts are seeking expression, they are likely to impel you to inoffensively step in and manage a situation that is giving others fits, satisfying everybody.

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14 Oscar-winner __ Sorvino
15 Jet
16 Stoltz or Idle
17 Obligation
18 Insurance giant
19 Windmill blade
20 Food on a skewer
22 Cured, as cement
24 Lake fish
27 Circus animal
28 Decorative light (2 wds.)
32 Favors one side
36 Gladiator's hello
37 Caves, at times
39 Toughen up
40 Fixes the fight
42 Pickle juice
44 Snowball
45 Rattle
47 Jack, in cards
49 "Honest" fellow
50 Vietnam's capital
51 Seeped
53 Had a mortgage
56 Grades 1-12
57 Hostages
61 From days of yore
65 Grease gun target
66 Wax theatrical
69 Piece of linoleum
70 Drop anchor
71 Art-class models
72 Important decades
73 Concludes
74 Line of work
75 Landlord's income

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2 Film
3 Defeat decisively
4 Greenish melon
5 Hot springs site
6 Stein filler
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21 Cotillion
23 Melting-watch artist
25 Volvo rival
26 Nasty smile
28 Coniferous tree
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31 Word-processor command
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drinks

Tips for the tequila novice

- Tequila gets deeper and more sophisticated with age
- Get to know your agave for National Tequila Day

July 24 is National Tequila Day, which has us at Metro thinking about how little we know (or, more aptly, remember) about this spirit. We asked Serena Fill, "Tequila Librarian" at La Biblioteca de Tequila in New York, to take us through some of the basics.

What exactly is tequila?

"Blue agave is the basis for all tequila. There are two categories in the tequila family: [100 percent blue agave] or a mixto, which is what Cuervo Gold is, for example, which is going to be a minimum of 51 percent agave and the rest will come from something else — usually sugarcane, color and flavor. It has to be at least double-distilled, and it must come from one of five regions in Mexico. Jalisco is where most tequila comes from."

What are the different types of tequila?

"You've got blanco, reposado and anejo, and in 2006 they introduced a category called 'extra anejo.' That's anything aged over three years.

"Blanco is either going to be unaged — going straight from distillation to the bottle, or it can rest in stainless steel tanks for fewer than two months. It can actually also rest in barrels or wooden vats for less than two months, in which case they term it a 'suave,' meaning 'soft.'

"Reposado means 'rested,' and that's going to be aged from two months to just under a year in oak barrels, but they can also use 20,000 gallon vats — that's where a lot of the variants come in, too. That's why tequila has so many expressions.

"Anejo [which means "aged"], is going to be one to three years, and that is only aged in barrels. Extra anejo is anything aged over three years, and that's a new category."

Quoted

"For the anejo, the most that you'd want to adulterate it is by warming a brandy snifter and putting some Grand Marnier in there. It actually drinks like a cognac." FILL

Q&A

How can we avoid that headache?

Tequila Semental is made from 100 percent blue agave — so there are no additives, which can add to the hurt. Plus, it's triple-distilled. "One of the things that sets it apart from the other tequilas is the distillation process," Fill says. "The master distiller lowers the methanol content to the lowest in the whole tequila industry. Methanol is a byproduct; it's in all tequila. It's what gives you the headache portion of your hangover."

What are the best ways to enjoy each type of tequila?

For mixed drinks, like margaritas, blanco is best. You don't want to cover up the nuances of the aged tequila, unless you have a very talented bartender who can create a drink that brings out the nuances of the older, darker tequilas. Anejo is best served neat, perhaps with some water or ice to open up the flavors. "For the anejo," Fill says, "the most that you'd want to adulterate it is by warming a brandy snifter and putting some Grand Marnier in there. It actually drinks like a cognac." METRO

Celebrate in Philly

When it comes to summer tequila sipping, our vote goes to La Calaca Feliz (2321 Fairmount Ave.). In addition to an impressive lineup of no-nonsense premium flights, they also serve up a playful cocktail menu that goes beyond the regular 'rita. Sip pretty on a crafty "I'm a King Bee" (chamomile-infused Espolon, honey, lemon and basil) or a stripped-down Morning Dew (a can of Mountain Dew with Espolon blanco).

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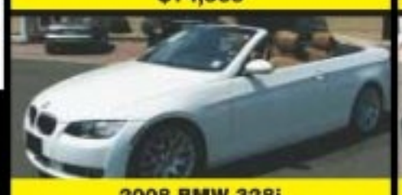
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Food for thought

The 'Good Food, Good Beer' festival highlights local eats and Philly brews Plus this year, the food trucks are rolling on in

Tickets to "Good Food, Good Beer" include plenty of tasty treats.

The locavores have taken over Philadelphia. You've likely seen them swarming farmers markets across the city, starting urban gardens and proselytizing about the wonders of dirt and locally grown asparagus. Their numbers have radically increased in recent years, and it looks like they're here to stay.

"Local food isn't as fringe as it once was," says Kristin Mulvenna, a program manager for Farm To City, a local business that organizes farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs across the city. "It's more mainstream now, and there are a lot of people who want to purchase locally, and more people understand the economic and health benefits of this."

Along with Slow Food Philadelphia, another local food advocacy organization, Farm To City brings the eighth annual "Good Food, Good Beer and the Rest is History" event to The Shambles at Headhouse Square this weekend. There will be cooking demonstrations by local chefs, including Andrew Gerson of Strada Pasta and Andrea Rossi of C19, as well as local craft beers from Victory, Stoudts and Philadelphia Brewing Company. And, for the first time in the event's history, the food will be served by local food trucks, including Vernalicious, Zea May's and Sweet Box Cupcakes.

"There has been a huge resurgence in the food truck culture here, so we thought it would be great to partner with them," says Mulvenna. "A lot of them are sourcing locally now and using farmers as a resource for their products. The more local food trucks there are participating in this culture, the more it helps local farmers and helps the local economy to thrive."

Joe Brandolo, the chapter leader of Slow Food Philadelphia, has also noticed many significant changes in the city's food culture in recent years. "There are young urban farmers, young creative independent chefs opening restaurants, an increase in farmers markets, and much more," says Brandolo, who says last year's "Good Food, Good Beer" was the first where people under 35 were in the majority (and, as a result, the first year they ran out of beer). "It's a very exciting time for Philadelphia's food community."

If you go

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When in Rome, do as the Romans do — the very rich Romans, that is, if you're dining at Mia at Caesars, which recently underwent a menu makeover. It's a very expensive menu, but it's sure to delight your senses.

Your regal dining affair begins even before you take your seat: You'll feel like royalty heading up the lobby's stairs to the sequestered dining space overlooking the cavernous vestibule of the hotel. Once nestled in, try one of the restaurant's signature Mia-tinis ($14), like the Pompei-tini (Grey Goose, pomegranate and pineapple juices), and tuck into apps like baked clams ($19) and artichoke-and-cheese rice balls ($18).

If you go

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For mains, the risotto ($29) is rich and filling, with heapings of porcini mushrooms and a cappuccino foam on top, and the prosciutto-wrapped veal ($48) is so tender that you could slice it like butter. We were too stuffed for dessert, but options like Chocolate Double Stuffed ($9), chocolate cake soaked in chocolate liqueur and Oreo cream, sound like they'd be fit for a king — or at least, a Roman general.

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Cocktail of the week

Cherry Noir Hamptons Punch

What's in it
5 parts Grey Goose Cherry Noir Vodka
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1 part basil simple syrup

How to make it
To make basil simple syrup, combine equal parts sugar and hot water with 10 fresh basil leaves. Steep until dissolved and cool. Thinly slice strawberries and place in a punch bowl. Add remaining ingredients and chill for two hours. Serve over ice, and present with strawberries.

Songza playlist

Suburban ennui

Surrounded by white-washed fences and cookie cutter houses, the 'burbs can be a real drag. Embrace the malaise with a mix of melancholy, ambient and washed-out fuzz on this week's playlist at **www.metro .us/songza**. You can also find the tunes at **www.songza .com/listen/suburban-ennui-tacticco**. You'll find a mix of classic and contemporary melancholy indie for teens/ young adults not lucky enough to be studying abroad or on a fancy vacation. A sampling of the songs includes Deer Hunter's "Helicopter," Radiohead's "Nude" and The Jesus and Mary Chain's "Nine Million Rainy Days," which is really what summer can feel like if you don't get to actually go to the beach every now and then.

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▶ At 26, Shea Weber is arguably the best defenseman in the NHL — and would own the second-richest contract ever.

The Flyers have been here before — trying to lure a highly-regarded restricted free agent like Nashville stud defenseman Shea Weber. They can only hope it turns out better.

Turn back the calendar to 1997 when then-GM Bob Clarke got restricted free agent Chris Gratton to sign a five-year, $16.5-million offer sheet. With the same compensation rules in place — four first-round draft picks — for Gratton, Clarke waited to see if longtime nemesis Phil Esposito would match.

Ultimately, Gratton did wear Orange and Black, but at a steeper price. The Flyers had to buy back their draft picks in exchange for Mikael Renberg and Karl Dykhuis. That effectively broke up the famed "Legion of Doom," featuring Eric Lindros and John LeClair.

And when Gratton proved to be a colossal flop, scoring just 23 goals in 108 games, the Flyers shipped him and winger Mike Sillinger back to Tampa a year later for Renberg and Daymond Langkow.

Will they pull off a similar deal to make sure they get Weber, who signed a reported 14-year, $110-million offer sheet? With a week to decide, the Predators' intend to match.

"We have stated previously that, should a team enter into an offer sheet with Shea, our intention would be to match and retain Shea," Nashville GM David Poile said in a statement. "Our ownership has provided us with the necessary resources to build a Stanley Cup-winning team."

For now, the Flyers will hold their breath and wait, unless GM Paul Holmgren decides not to call Nashville's bluff and hammer out a deal that might cost him one or more of his young guns, like Sean Couturier, Brayden Schenn and Matt Read.

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Poison pill

Weber's deal is front-loaded, like an NFL contract, which makes it hard to imagine Nashville retaining him. The Predators have until 11:59 p.m. on July 25 to match. Here's the breakdown for the first six years (per Rogers Sportsnet in Canada):

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Wing it

Doan also on Flyers radar

The Orange and Black have also reportedly made an offer to winger Shane Doan, according to WIP.

Doan, who is an unrestricted free agent, is waiting to see what happens with his current team, Phoenix (which is for sale) before he decides.

The Rangers and Penguins are also bidding for Doan.

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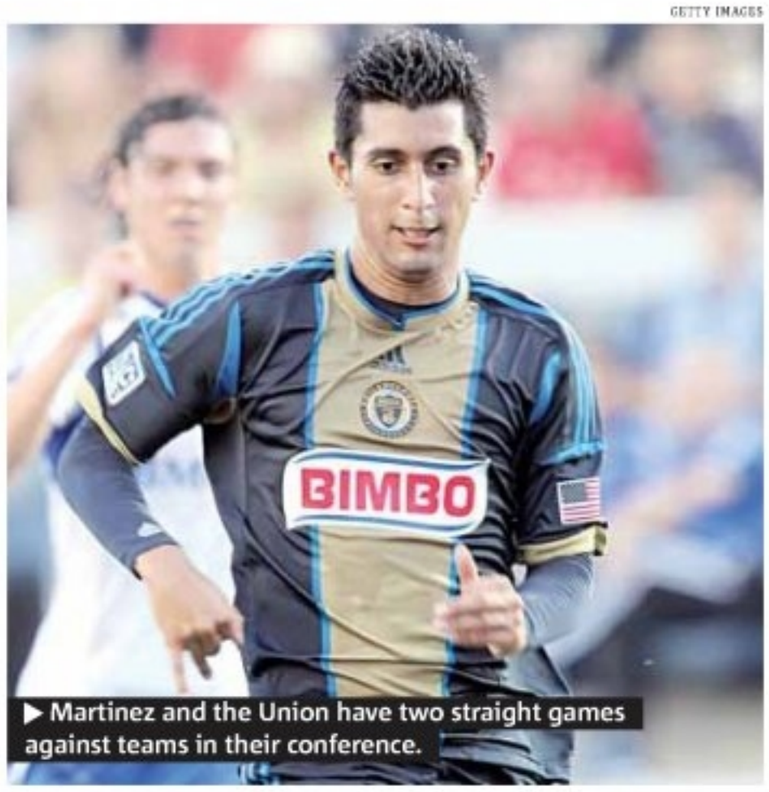

▶ Martinez and the Union have two straight games against teams in their conference.

Union ready to take Red Bulls by horns

◗ Philadelphia looking for fourth straight win ◗ Facing tough road test against New York ◗ Club still holding out hope to clinch playoff spot

The Philadelphia Union has won three league matches in a row for the first time in franchise history.

Winning a fourth straight, however, will be a daunting task.

The Union travels to Harrison, N.J., Saturday afternoon to face the formidable New York Red Bulls, who feature the likes of Thierry Henry and former Union forward Sebastien Le Toux. Coming up with three points at Red Bull Arena won't be easy.

"It's one of the 'Clasicos' — games that you always have to win, especially for us, given that we have two straight games against teams in our conference," said Union forward Josue Martinez. "These are points that we need to get in order to make the playoffs, which is what the team strives for."

1-0

Union fell to English club Aston Villa, 1-0, in a friendly Wednesday night at PPL Park. Nathan Delfouneso's goal in the 43rd minute was the game-winner. It marked first time Philly lost an international match at home.

The Union earned its first playoff berth last season and then fell to the Houston Dynamo in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Philadelphia struggled at the beginning of this season, but has rallied. If the Union (6-9-2) can pull off a victory against the Red Bulls (10-5-5), that could have a lasting impact.

"I think we're all excited about this challenge," said Union defender and captain Carlos Valdes. "It's not an easy place to play. We have to come together as a club. I think we're confident. We have a lot of trust in each other."

New York is tough to defeat at home, as evidenced by its 6-0-3 record. For the Union, it's about executing on both ends of the field.

"We are working very hard every day and you can see the results," said forward Antoine Hoppenot. "We're going to keep working like crazy to improve. It would be great to come away with a win Saturday. We're going to do our best to make that happen."

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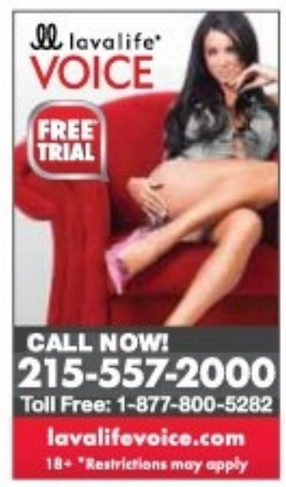

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